

SPOOKS, WHISTLEBLOWERS AND FALL GUYS

**Whistleblower
Rodney Stich
exposes more crime
and corruption
perpetrated by US
Government
representatives in
collusion with
shady military/
intelligence
operatives and
Mafia figures.**

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Former US Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) investigator Rodney Stich is the author of several exposés: *Defrauding America*, *Unfriendly Skies* and *Disavow*. By virtue of his life work, he has become a one-man whistleblowers' clearinghouse.

"You could put it that way. I've been saying that I've become a focal point for whistleblowers," said Stich in a recent interview. "One of them was an FBI agent for 10 years—Richard Taus. He worked with Louis Freeh, the FBI director, on the Pizza Connection drug cases, and during this investigation he found evidence of CIA involvement with organised crime in the New York City area. Another is Jimmy Rothstein who was on the New York Police Department Vice Squad and discovered the same thing: CIA drug trafficking with organised crime. Both of those people suffered retaliation."

FBI WHISTLEBLOWER RICHARD M. TAUS

"They either had adverse job performance reports or had false charges filed against them, as in Richard Taus's case," said Stich. "He's in prison now, and he'll be there for the next 80 years if we don't do something about it."

"Richard Taus was a highly decorated Vietnam helicopter pilot," continued Stich. "He's had many high commendations. He was a Lieutenant Colonel in the National Guard in the New York City area as a helicopter pilot. He was also an FBI agent."

"Incidentally, while he was in Vietnam, he reported drug trafficking by the CIA in Air America. Somehow Congress heard about it, and a congressman came over there. He discovered about 2,000 pounds of drugs in an Air America plane that was forced down. Taus was in a helicopter so he quickly went there to help the crew, and while he's there his crew chief sees all of the drugs on board the plane. So Taus reports it when he gets back to his base. The congressman came over and he was told that this was for the crew's own use, that it was not for distribution."

"But 2,000 pounds?" Stich asks. "They're still probably using it."

And how did Taus become a CIA fall guy?

"They set him up the same way they set up two other sources I have: Jimmy Rothstein, and someone who was a member of the Mafia in New York who was also a CIA paymaster working with both the Mafia and the CIA. I've talked to his daughter about it."

Stich was referring to Dee Ferdinand, daughter of Mafia figure Albert Carone.

"Having grown up in a Mafia family and been friends with top Mafia bosses, Dee was very helpful in explaining the complex relationship between the Mafia and the CIA. She explained details of her father's activities as a CIA paymaster, moving money to and from the Mafia families in New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania, the CIA and the Mossad, and payoffs to the New York City Police Department."

Not to forget, Mob boss Sam "Momo" Giancana used to say: "The Outfit and the Agency—it's like two sides of the same coin."

"The Outfit" is of course the Mob, or Mafia, and "the Agency" is the CIA.

Regarding the set-up, Stich added: "They suddenly charged Taus with 'playing with little boys'. It doesn't seem to be too hard to get little boys to testify against him—especially if their families are under threat of prosecution."

So now Taus is in prison on phoney paedophilia or child molestation charges?

"Yes," said Stich. "First the feds filed charges against him, and—as Ted Gunderson, former Chief Special FBI Agent in the Los Angeles area, has said—there's no federal offence for that. The feds filed it just long enough to get Taus out of circulation because Bush was coming up for re-election and some of the corruption had to do with Bush."

"Then, after Taus was removed from active duty with the FBI, the state of New York took over. With Taus, it will be more difficult because it's a state offence. If it was federal, it's easier to show retaliation. When you have to go to the state level, it's more difficult to show that it's retaliation for reporting corruption by high-level federal officials."

LAPD WHISTLEBLOWER CONFIRMS CIA/MAFIA DRUG TRAFFICKING

In his testimony before the Senate Select Committee of Intelligence, former Los Angeles Police Department officer Michael C. Ruppert said: "The 'Amadeus' missions are the single most important piece of investigative work, other than my own experience, which I have to add to this investigation. My investigations into 'Amadeus' have detailed the life of Albert V. Carone, a retired New York Police detective who, at his death from 'chemical toxicity of unknown etiology' [CIA cancer?], held the rank of full Colonel in the US Army Reserves."

Ruppert continued: "I have held this man's personal phone book in my hands. In it I found home addresses and phone numbers of DCI [Director, Central Intelligence] William Casey, Paul Helliwell, a long-established CIA covert operative connected to drugs, General Richard Stillwell and many other CIA figures. I also found the home addresses and phone numbers of Mafia figures including Pauly Castellano, head of the Gambino crime family, and many other known Mafia figures..."

"In the years before his death, Carone made open statements to family members not only about the hands-on drug-dealing roles of such figures as Oliver North, Richard Secord, Elliot Abrams, George Bush, John Poindexter, Felix Rodriguez and Chi Chi Quintero, but about murder and torture.

"Carone frequently referred to 'Amadeus' as the CIA's umbrella governing his laundering of drug money through a host of banks worldwide. Some bank records and account numbers connected to the Bahamas and the Jersey Islands still remain. He also described the operations of such Iran-Contra era drug-kingpins Rafael Caro Quintero and Miguel Angel Felix Gallardo. When he died in 1990, he left behind records, a passport and a great many leads which totally substantiate these allegations..."

"We have since obtained tape-recorded statements from James Robert Strauss [a Carone associate] that 'Amadeus' was none other than George Herbert Walker Bush. The tape is safely stored, awaiting an opportunity to be presented to the American people..." (For details about Ruppert's newsletter, *From the Wilderness*, see bibliography at end of this article.)

CIA WHISTLEBLOWER STEPHEN CRITTENDEN

To his credit, Rodney Stich's publication of *Defrauding America* has helped release former federal-agent whistleblowers from prison, especially Stephen Crittenden, head of Crittenden Air Transport, a highly secret CIA front corporation.

"Crittenden was the fellow who was head of a CIA airline for 16 years," said Stich. "He was hauling drugs for the CIA and he's given me detailed affidavits about it. He got tired of it after a while and shut down the airline. He had C-130s all over the world and especially in the Far East.

"So naturally the CIA wasn't happy with him. Eventually they filed false charges against him," Stich continued. "He went to prison. He was complaining to his CIA handler and the handler said: 'Just keep quiet and we'll get you out before long.' Well, they didn't get him out. About the time he was to be released five years later, they filed new charges against him that would get him 20 years. And that's what the Justice Department was requesting. About this time he contacts me. What I did was file a 'friend of the court' brief in the US District Court in Phoenix, Arizona, and attach to it an affidavit that Crittenden gave me describing in detail the drug trafficking he was doing, and also a draft of the chapter on Crittenden that would be in the next book [the next edition of *Defrauding America*].

"At the hearing, the judge cleared out the courtroom and gave Crittenden a choice: 'You recant this affidavit or you're going to get 20 years.' So Crittenden recants and gets out, and then I get a new affidavit from him reaffirming what he told me in the first place. He's one of the fellows who got out."

DOs & DON'Ts FOR WHISTLEBLOWERS

Since Rodney Stich has the experience, what kind of suggestions would he give to a potential whistleblower?

"No one had better do what I did," Stich stated unequivocally.

"The system is too corrupt. And the checks and balances don't work. There's enough corrupt people in the Justice Department and the federal courts, and they have access to government officials on the state level. So almost anybody can be pretty much destroyed. And with the media so implicated in the cover-up, it's very difficult for any individual. And then the public doesn't really care.

"For instance," Stich continued, "in my naïve thinking 20 years ago, when I came out with the first edition of *Unfriendly Skies*, I thought

that the public wanted to know and that sufficient percentage of the public had enough courage to help. That unfortunately does not work because the public is more interested in trivia, like sports, and those few who do know don't do anything. And things have just got worse. The corruption has got worse in government. And it's so spread-out now that there's virtually no one there to do anything with this corruption. It's up to the public, and you might as well forget it because the public haven't got it."

So do we deserve this because there have been no outcries of outrage?

"I definitely feel that most of this corruption could not exist if it weren't for the illiteracy of the public and their indifference to it all," said Stich. "And as other people have said to me, maybe they deserve what's being done to them. I'm not sure I would disagree with that.

"One thing I've always tried to do is stay very factual. I don't get into any conspiracy theories or any far-out matters. What I'm trying to do is get the person on the street from the state of ignorance—which, incidentally, I was in when I was an airline pilot, like most pilots—and convey to them some of the hard-core corruption that's going on in government that's affecting very tragically many innocent Americans who don't even know they are suffering, because the media again do a good job of keeping the lid on it."

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TWA FLIGHT 800 DISASTER & COVER-UP

There has been plenty of speculation regarding the reasons for the downing of TWA Flight 800. Rodney Stich, as an aviation safety activist and investigator, has gathered his own evidence regarding the whys and wherefores of the crash and the subsequent poorly staged cover-up. He shared his research and conclusions in this interview.

"It's unprecedented in the history of aviation for so much disinformation and cover-up to occur by the NTSB [National Traffic Safety Board] and the Justice Department," said Stich. "In my book *Unfriendly Skies*, I document repeated instances of NTSB cover-up when serious misconduct was involved.

"In TWA Flight 800, there were almost 200 witnesses who reported seeing a missile trail," continued Stich, "including one person whom I call a missile trail expert. This is a helicopter pilot who had taken off from Long Island [New York]. He was facing the ocean just as the missile was going up. He had seen dozens of missiles fired in Vietnam, including missiles fired at him, so he knows what a missile trail looks like. This is how he described it: 'It was a thin missile-trail going up, and the first explosion is a missile type of an explosion, different from a fuel tank explosion.' That was followed by explosions of fuel tanks—a totally different colour."

And this is where it gets interesting, as the 'legend'—a false story concocted by spooks to distract the public from the facts—is created.

"Here's what the FBI says about all these people who saw the missile trail," continued Stich. "They're saying it's fuel that was coming out of the ruptured fuel tanks and ignited. But it's really not a thin pencil trail—it's a massive fireball! And the FBI expects you to believe that.

"And then they got the CIA involved. It's unheard of for the CIA to be involved in an accident investigation. The CIA has an animated video they showed on TV where the plane is going along, and they claim the centre fuel tank blew up and this is what did it."

It sounds like the 'magic bullet' that supposedly killed JFK. This was the famous bullet that did a U-turn inside of Kennedy's body—the 'theory' invented courtesy of Arlen Specter, currently US Senator from Pennsylvania.

"This is even better," said Stich. "The CIA says that the plane then climbed a few thousand feet—*after* the explosion. The NTSB by law has the responsibility to conduct a meaningful investigation. At the NTSB hearing December 8, the FBI notified the NTSB that they were not to allow anybody to testify or make any reference to a missile, according to *Aviation Week & Space Technology* magazine."

Covert operations and criminal politics again take precedence over air safety and passenger security.

"Here we have the CIA and FBI involved and blocking the NTSB," continued Stich. "And one of the possible reasons for the cover-up? The FBI and CIA were involved in negotiating with Afghan rebels. The rebels wanted to give back 30 to 40 surface-to-air missiles to the United States at no charge. In exchange, they wanted the release from federal prison of the son of one of the rebel leaders. He was there on relatively minor drug-related charges. They had evidently over a hundred *Stinger* missiles left over from the Afghan war. They provided serial numbers of the

Stingers that they had, and the serial numbers were confirmed.

"The CIA, FBI and Justice Department were negotiating, and one of the key negotiators was a friend of mine, a former CIA asset, Ron Rewald. Rewald turned over documents to me. While he was in prison he met the man whom he had previously met in Honolulu in 1995. And now the CIA was dragging its feet about the negotiation."

Stich suddenly made a chilling comment: "Maybe they were more interested in the missiles getting in the hands of the terrorists, for all we know. It was known that terrorists were bidding on the missiles."

Now there's a thought to quicken your pulse. What if?

"If a plane was shot down, that would help justify the CIA's existence," said Stich. "It's almost like the Persian Gulf War. When you don't have a credible enemy, you build up Saddam Hussein to make the Pentagon seem worthwhile."

(A parenthetical note... According to author John Loftus, San Francisco, California-based Bechtel Corporation was responsible for building Saddam Hussein's poison gas factory. It's not ironic, then, that the United States continues building "the best enemy money can buy"—as historian/scholar Antony C. Sutton has shown. First it was Hitler's Germany, then the Soviet Union, and more recently there has been a massive technology transfer to Red China. In fact, this strategic build-up of future 'enemies' is part of a long, historical tradition.)

"Here we have hard evidence that missiles were offered to the United States but were rejected, knowing that terrorists would get them. The missiles are out there and they're going to be used eventually," Stich concluded.

"This is far more evidence than the NTSB has used in many air disasters to come up with the most probable cause. And the cover-up by the FBI—the pressure on people—is enough to reflect on the mindset in the FBI."

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THE RISE & FALL OF CIA FRONTMAN RON REWALD

So who is this former CIA asset Ronald Rewald? He's an international wheeler-dealer and the subject of another book by Stich, called *Disavow*. "Disavow" means: "Once your cover is blown, you're on your own, pal".

Rewald hobnobbed with the world's movers and shakers, living the lifestyle of the rich and famous. He had a US\$2 million estate in Hawaii. A chauffeured limo took him to work every day, and he even played polo with the Sultan of Brunei—reportedly the richest man in the world.

Nevertheless, Rewald had a dark secret. He was a frontman for the CIA. He was an informant since college when he began spying on 'subversive' organisations like the SDS (Students for a Democratic Society) during the late 1960s and 1970s.

Later, as chairman of BBRDW (Bishop, Baldwin, Rewald Dillingham and Wong)—a CIA front masquerading as a worldwide investment company—Rewald thought he had nothing to fear. But then came the set-up and betrayal.

Today, after spending 10 years in prison as the fall guy for the CIA, Rewald is reportedly still in denial.

According to Stich, BBRDW was a CIA proprietary (a company wholly owned by CIA operatives), started in 1979 and operated and funded by the CIA using many of the same high-level

people who had staffed the Nugan Hand Bank.

Nugan Hand Bank, of course, was the infamous Australia-based money laundry used by the CIA to disburse South East Asian drug revenues.

In *Defrauding America*, Stich writes: "The CIA used BBRDW as an international investment company cover, with 120 employees staffing offices in 16 countries including Hong Kong, India, Indonesia, Taiwan, New Zealand, Singapore, London, Paris, Stockholm, Brazil and Chile. CIA personnel opened and operated these far-flung offices."

When his cover was blown by a Honolulu reporter, Rewald never saw it coming. As he'd been working for the CIA since his college days, he just naturally assumed that the CIA takes care of its own. Rewald was wrong.

Disavow, by Rodney Stich and T. Conan Russell, should be required reading for every person who's even thinking about working for any of the so-called 'intelligence' agencies (CIA, DIA, NSA, FBI, ONI, etc.). Just as there is no honour among thieves, there is even less among 'spooks'—the spies of the world.

Disavow deals with global *realpolitik*, the important business of state: making drug deals, laundering money, buying elections—all the professional expertise for which the CIA is absolutely unparalleled anywhere on Earth.

Ronald Rewald found out the hard way. If he ever writes his autobiography, he should call it "I was a Chump for the CIA".

OCTOBER SURPRISE COVER-UP

Yes, Virginia; there really was an "October Surprise", and the cover-up continues even now—typically dismissed or ignored by the global mega-media cartel.

An entire chapter in *Defrauding America* covers this crime, scandal and cover-up. The evidence is clear. A gross and heretofore unpunished violation of the US Constitution occurred when George Bush tried to manipulate the Iran hostage crisis so that Ronald Reagan would win the presidential election over President Jimmy Carter.

Simply put, the intent of the scheme was to bring about the defeat of President Carter and elect Reagan. The Reagan-Bush team promised the Iranians billions of dollars of US military equipment and \$40 million in bribes in exchange for freeing the hostages after the election of 1980.

One of Stich's informants, Gunther Russbacher, verified these facts. He was the BAC-111 and SR-71 pilot who flew George Bush to make the deal with the Iranians in Paris.

Stich writes: "The establishment media sought to discredit the CIA whistleblowers who could prove the existence of the October Surprise operation..."

"The evidence supporting the October Surprise charges required impeaching President George Bush and filing criminal charges against key officials in the executive, legislative and judicial branches of the federal government. Never in the history of the United States was there such a serious criminal conspiracy inflicted upon the US by people in control of the White House..."

IRAN-CONTRA & OLIVER NORTH

Was CIA asset and drug kingpin Oliver North of the US National Security Council rewarded for his silence with a national radio show in America? The facts speak for themselves.

Former pilot trainer and whistleblower Terry Reed, co-author of *Compromised*, states unequivocally that his CIA handler was Oliver North, who used the pseudonym "John Cathey".

"The ugly side of the Contra connection was carefully kept from the American public by the establishment media and Congress," writes Stich. "Oliver North and others involved sought to place a humanitarian cloak over their activities with the Contras."

They claimed US involvement in Nicaragua was humanitarian by helping an oppressed people fight communism. But the CIA, representing the American people, traded arms for drugs. Aircraft carrying arms from the United States to Central America often returned with the drugs that were used to pay for the arms."

"It wasn't only the Contras to whom the CIA furnished arms," Stich explains. "The CIA, joined by Israel, arms merchants and others, were selling and delivering arms to the opposition Sandinistas. One CIA operative said to me: 'How else could we keep the fighting going?'"

CIA LIES & DENIALS

According to Stich in *Defrauding America*: "The CIA has hundreds of dummy corporations in the United States...in the form of proprietaries, fronts and cooperating assets. These include...law firms; financial companies such as banks and bond brokerage houses; insurance companies; and airlines..."

"It becomes very easy for the CIA to deny blame for their acts. They simply deny any knowledge of what the front-company or contract agent is doing, in addition to their standard practice of lying. There is no danger to this practice, since Justice Department officials protect their lying and their corrupt operations, and most of the mainstream media also covers for them as well as members of Congress."

Case in point? Here's a classic: an Associated Propaganda, er, I mean, Press article from December 19, 1997. The headline actually reads "CIA clears itself over sales of crack cocaine in US", and the article commences as follows:

"Washington (AP) – The CIA found no evidence that its employees or agents colluded with allies of the Nicaraguan Contra rebels involved in crack cocaine sales in the United States, a senior official said Thursday."

To reiterate Stich: "They simply deny any knowledge of what the front-company or contract agent is doing, in addition to their standard practice of lying."

Then they proclaim "Case closed!"—as CIA asset and strategic writer Gerald Posner would say. "Strategic writer" is evidently an actual job title in the Agency, but it's just a euphemism for "paid liar".

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BANK OF LAVORO & IRAQGATE

In *Defrauding America*, Stich has an entire chapter on the background of the Bank of Lavoro and Iraqgate episode in recent history, i.e., the Persian Gulf War. Not only were Americans brainwashed by the government, CNN and other media to accept a totally bogus war in support of George Bush's so-called New World Order, but the Persian Gulf War was also used to test experimental vaccines on unknowing human guinea pigs—US and British Armed Forces personnel.

Stich includes the behind-the-scenes story of how the Bush Administration built up Saddam Hussein's regime with US loans, guaranteed by US taxpayers, to buy chemical and biological weapons. Result? The Persian Gulf War was a planned and programmed event guaranteed to make money for insiders.

CIA & DEA DRUG TRAFFICKING

Stich writes in a lengthy chapter in *Defrauding America*: "Many pilots have admitted to me during the past 40 years that they hauled drugs under the direction of the CIA, DEA [Drug Enforcement

Administration] and the military...

"The CIA-engineered Vietnam War provided the logistics making possible massive transportation of drugs from the Golden Triangle area of Asia into the United States. The CIA-engineered conflict in Nicaragua resulted in and made possible massive transportation of drugs from Central and South America into the US. These developed into multibillion-dollar-a-year profits for the CIA...

"It is no longer far-fetched to consider that the CIA may have deliberately generated these conflicts to develop its drug trafficking operations into the United States. Nor is it far-fetched to consider that these acts and consequences may be a part of a scheme to financially and morally destroy the United States."

OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE

In a chapter on US Federal Government corruption, Stich writes: "As stated in the 1978, 1980 and 1990 editions of *Unfriendly Skies*, and more so in the several editions of *Defrauding America*, at the epicentre of the corruption described within these pages are attorneys and officials in the US Department of Justice and federal judges. Without their criminal conduct, none of

these criminal activities could have been perpetrated or continued. The same applies to the mainstream media and to members of Congress, all of whom played key roles in the obstruction of justice."

SECRET ASSASSINATION TEAM

One of the most astounding, and sickening, revelations in *Defrauding America* is the exposure of the Secret Death Squad (SDS) or Experimental Assassination Team, officially listed by the CIA as MAC-SOGSDODV, or Military Assistance Command Strategic Operational Group Special Detachment, Department of Defense, Vietnam.

According to Stich, his informant Robert L. Freeman described to him an all-black assassination team, trained by the US military for an ultra-secret operation intended to destabilise Vietnam, Laos and Cambodia.

"Freeman was one of 45 blacks trained by the US Army, US Navy and the Central Intelligence Agency for the sole purpose of killing anyone, including US servicemen and advisers," writes Stich. "He described in great detail how his group was mentally

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brainwashed, trained and armed, engaged in random and indiscriminate killings to destabilise the region and justify US intervention...

"Freeman was the head of a five-man assassination team ordered by the team's CIA handlers to kill anyone they encountered and leave evidence that another faction had done the killings. Freeman said that for several years his team went on a killing spree, sometimes wiping out an entire small village."

In *Defrauding America*, Stich includes top-secret US documents from 1963 and 1964 confirming the assassination of South Vietnam's President Ngo Dinh Diem by Freeman's team. In other words, the CIA sets up its puppet rulers, then murders them when it becomes expedient.

But there's more. Freeman also has hard evidence proving that his team was ordered by his CIA handlers to assassinate American POWs, and how his team carried out the orders.

"Those documents provided sufficient corroboration to make Freeman's descriptions believable," Stich reports. "Not that the assassination of American GIs ordered

by Washington were the biggest crimes ever inflicted upon Americans, but these were crimes that the average person could understand."

REPEAL OF THE US NATIONAL SECURITY ACT

As far as the US is concerned, the National Security Act of 1947 can be considered the root of evil described in Stich's books. It continues to provide an impenetrable shield for the arrogant abuse of power by government officials—namely the National Security Council, which operates under questionable constitutionality, as well as the so-called 'intelligence' agencies like the CIA, NSA and NRO.

These agencies' Cold War *raison d'être* has disappeared into the black hole of the phoney ideological battle known as the 'capitalism vs communism' scam. Now they remain as the last refuge of criminals and corrupt officials whose illegal practices continue under the guise of so-called national security.

Like the old-guard Soviet *nomenclatura* and its attendant *apparatchiks*, these agencies and the faceless bureaucrats who run them have garnered enormous power—most likely due to the cash flow from the

massive drug trafficking over the last 50 years.

And so it goes. Rodney Stich's life work and his books, especially *Defrauding America* (subtitled "An Encyclopedia of Secret Operations by the CIA, DEA and Other Covert Agencies"), are demonstration that the US National Security Act of 1947 must be repealed. Why? Because the secrecy, amorality and degeneracy spawned by the Act has changed the character of not only the United States but the world at large. Worst of all, it has brought about an institutionalised corruption and depravity in America that parallels nothing but the final days of the Roman Empire.

GRASSROOTS GROUPS & PUBLIC AWARENESS

What Rodney Stich has documented—criminal behaviour by public officials entrusted with government—can no longer be tolerated. Brave individuals have spoken out against this corruption and continue to expose the treacherous conduct of those who have betrayed public trust.

Like Amnesty International which works to release political prisoners in repressive regimes, there ought to be locally based grassroots groups for expanding public

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awareness of government crimes, cover-ups and corruption. How about Whistleblowers International?

Now there's no other choice. It's up to us. You know we got to run the hoodoo out of town.

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